

Leg/Reg Update

Northern California WaterReuse Chapter
Dublin, CA

Pedro Hernandez

February 23, 2018



Agenda

- Bills
- Regulatory Updates
- Upcoming Events

AB 966 On-Site Reuse (Weiner)

- SWRCB to develop risk-based standards, oversight, management program for decentralized / on-site reuse
 - Commercial / Mixed-Use buildings
 - SWRCB to approve local oversight management program
 - Existing Programs? Potential for grandfathered-in
 - WRCA to continue working with authors, no support yet

AB 1668 (Friedman) / SB 606 (Skinner/Hertzberg)

- Water Management Planning
 - Indoor Residential Water Use
 - Until 2025: 55 gallons per capita per day
 - 2025-2030: 52.5 gpcd indoor residential water use
 - After 203: 50 gpcd indoor
 - Agricultural Management
 - SB 606 – Urban Per Capita Water Use
 - Require a water shortage contingency plan
 - Conduct annual water supply/demand/shortage assessment

AB 574 Potable Reuse (Quirk) Budget Issues

- Governor's budget does not include funding for staff
- 0.5% rate increase to drinking water fees to cover staff
- WRCA looking at having SWRCB shift staff

AB 2072 SWRCB CEC (Quirk)

- Research and Monitor CECs
 - Currently no dedicated branch or staff
 - Reviewing Options to Fund
 - Discharge permits, federal grant program, etc.

NWRI Study

- WRCA commissioned “Leaching in the Applications of Recycled Water for Landscape Irrigation”
 - Report to be used for MWELo Update
 - Draft Recommendations in April
 - Scientific rationale to account for the additional salt in recycled water
 - Include this rationale in the updated ordinance

Recycled Water Policy Update

- WRCA recommendations on RW reporting
 - SWRCB to split Potable Reuse into several types
 - Consolidate Reporting – Not as many reports/agencies
 - Reporting Entity - Producers V. Retailer?
 - WRCA Producer, SWRCB maybe ok with that
- Ocean discharge – survey of agencies that do not use RW
 - Need to define ‘ocean’
- Draft Language in March/April 2018

CEC 2018 Science Advisory Panel Report

- Comments Due **MARCH 2 @ 5:00pm**
- Part of RW Policy Update
- Encourage anyone with Potable Reuse to review
- Do not recommend CEC monitoring for any Title 22 projects
- WRCA may put out Fact Sheet

Proposed Waste and Unreasonable Use Regs

- Prohibits use of RW on medians and between sidewalks/streets
- WRCA asks for all RW to be exempt
- SWRCB will release revised draft soon
 - 15-day comment period
 - Next hearing – April 17

Upcoming Events

- March 2, 12:30 pm – WRCA Leg/Reg Committee call/meeting
- April 13, 12:30 pm – WRCA Leg/Reg Committee call/meeting
- May 4, 12:30 pm – WRCA Leg/Reg Committee call/meeting

- WRCA Annual Conference – Monterey March 25 - 27